Docket No. 09792350-0048

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **OPTICAL SWITCHES AND ROUTERS AND OPTICAL FILTERS**, the specification of which:

is attached hereto.

X was filed on December 12, 2003 as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/734,790;

a Continuation-in-Part of PCT/US02/19562, filed June 20, 2002;

and was amended on ______ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

| | | | Priority (| Priority Claimed | |
|---------|--------|------------|------------|------------------|---|
| Country | Number | Date Filed | Yes | No | _ |
| None | | | <u>.</u> | | |

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| 10/118,531 | April 8, 2002 | Abandoned | _ |
| 10/118,532 | April 8, 2002 | Abandoned | _ |
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And I hereby appoint John W. Hayes, Registration No. 33,900, Nancy R. Gamburd, Registration No. 38,147, and the other attorneys of USPTO Customer No. 38,939 and of Customer No. 34,756, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. It is requested that all communications be directed to:

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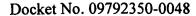
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